

Exponents

Base^{Exponent}

The exponent tells us how many times we multiply the base by itself.

$5^3 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 125$	$3^4 = (3)(3)(3)(3) = 81$
$x^3 = x \cdot x \cdot x$	$(2x)^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x = 8x^3$
$x^2 = x \cdot x$	$(x-1)^2 = (x-1) \cdot (x-1)$
$x^1 = x$	Use (parenthesis) or dot • for multiplication.
$x^0 = 1$	$x^3 y^2 = x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y$

The *Exponent Symbol* is short hand for multiplication when we multiply **"like"** bases.

Ex: $\frac{x^5}{x^3}$ Expand it, $\frac{x^5}{x^3} = \frac{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}{x \cdot x \cdot x}$

We know for example $\frac{8}{8} = 1$ that is, any # divided by itself is equal to 1. Therefore we can group the expand expression as:

$$\frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{1} \cdot \frac{x}{1} = x \cdot x = x^2$$

Distributive Property

$$a \cdot (b \pm c) = a \cdot b \pm a \cdot c$$

Definition of Subtraction

$$a - b = a + (-b)$$

$$x^2 \cdot (5x - 2y) = x \cdot x \cdot (5x - 2y)$$

Expanded Base

$$x^2 \cdot (5x - 2y) = x \cdot x \cdot [5x + (-2y)]$$

Definition of Subtraction

$$x^2 \cdot (5x - 2y) = x \cdot x \cdot 5x + x \cdot x \cdot (-2y)$$

Distributive Property

$$x^2 \cdot (5x - 2y) = x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot 5 + x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot (-2)$$

Commutative Property

$$x^2 \cdot (5x - 2y) = 5x^3 - 2x^2 y$$

Simplified Expression

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Exponents: Multiplication & Division:

Exercises: Expand and find value if available

1. 10^4	2. $(10x)^2$
3. $(10x)^2(2xy)^3$	4. $8\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2$
5. $\frac{1}{2}(-4x)^2$	6. $\frac{1}{4}(-x)^5$ when $x=2$
7. $\frac{10^2}{5^2}$	8. $\frac{(10x)^3}{(10x)^2}$
9. $\frac{(5x)^3}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{(5x)^2}$	10. $\frac{(4y)^3}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{8(y)^3}$